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His Position in The Silsila : Muqtada-e-Ahle Tariqat, Rahnuma-e-Raahe Haqiqat, Hazrat Shaykh Ma'roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ is the ninth Imam and Shaykh of the Silsila Aaliyah Qadiriyyah Barakaatiyah Razviyah Nooriyah.

BIRTH : Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ was born in Kargh.

NAME : His name is Asadud'deen and is famously known as Ma'roof Karghi and Abu Mahfooz.

HIS FATHER : His father's name was Feroz. [Safinatul Awliyah]

His Father: He attained all his knowledge under the watchful eye of Hazrat Imam Ali Raza رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. [Tazkiratul Awliyah]

His Early Life : Initially, he was a non-Muslim, but even as a child, he had great love for Islam. He used to always spend his time in the company of Muslim children, and often talked to his parents about accepting Islam. His father was not pleased with this, and enrolled him to study under a Christian Priest. The first question the priest asked him was, “ *Tell me my son, how many people are there in your family?*” He said, “ *Myself, my father and my mother.*” The priest then said, “*Very well, now say Esa عسائیر is the third god of three (trinity).*” Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ says, “*Even during my time as a non-Muslim my heart did not accept to say what he commanded me to. When I refused to say this, he began to beat me severely. The more he beat me, the more I rejected his teaching. He finally became weary of me and asked my father to imprison me. I was thus locked in a room for three days and every day, I was given one bread, which I did not even touch. When I was taken out, I ran away. As I was the only child to my parents, they were very sad and they sent a message to me saying that I should return to them and I would have the right to accept whichever faith I wished, and that they too will accept the same faith. I then when to Hazrat Ali Raza رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and accepted Islam at his hands. I then went home with this*

most valuable gift of Islam, and Alhumdulillah, my parents also accepted Islam.”
[Tazkiratul Awliyah pg 221]

Shaykh-E-Tariqat : He became mureed of Hazrat Habeeb Raa’ee رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and was blessed with Khilafat from Hazrat Habeeb Raa’ee رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, Hazrat Ali Raza رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and Hazrat Awliyah Taa'ee رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

His Teachers : He studied under the care of Hazrat Ali Raza رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and also attained education from Hazrat Imam Azam Abu Hanifa رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. He attained spiritual training in the care of Hazrat Habeeb Raa’ee رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.

His Excellence : He was a very pious personality and one of the most distinguished Aarifs of his time. He also served many great personalities such as Hazrat Dawood Taa'ee رحمۃ اللہ علیہ, who also blessed him with Khilafat. He used to call out the Azaan with true love, and when he would reach the words Ash Hadu An Laa ilaaha il'la Laah, the hair on his body would stand up and his entire beard would become stiff and he would begin to tremble to such an extent in the fear of Allah, that it seemed as if he would fall to the ground.

He would spend lengthy nights in the Musjid making ibaadat, Istighfaar and weeping in the Court of Allah. Hazrat Sirri Saqti رحمۃ اللہ علیہ say, “Whatever I have attained, is through the sadqa of Hazrat Ma’roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ.” Sayyidi Abdul Wahab رحمۃ اللہ علیہ says, “ I have not seen anyone who divorced himself from the world, like Hazrat Ma’roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ. His excellence is such, that even his blessed grave is a means of attaining blessings.” [Kashful Mahjoob]

His Habits And Character : He possessed deep love for the poor and the orphans. Hazrat Sirri Saqti رحمۃ اللہ علیہ says, “I once saw Hazrat Ma’roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ gathering dates on the day of Eid, so I stopped and asked the reason for this. He

said, "That young boy is crying because all the other children have new clothes and he has nothing new on Eid day. I thus, decided to collect some dates, sell them and then buy something for him, so that he is kept busy playing and does not feel uncomfortable on the day of Eid." Hazrat Sirri Saqti ﷺ says, "I said, Huzoor there is no need for you to do this, I will make sure he gets something on Eid. I then took the boy with me and bought him a new set of clothes. After I did this, a Noor (light) entered my heart, which caused me great pleasure and my condition became very different." [Masaalikus Saalikeen vol.1 pg 287]

Always In Wudhu : Once his wudhu broke, so he immediately made tayammum. Those who saw him do this said, " Huzoor! The river Tigris is right in front of you. Why did you make tayammum?" He said, " It is possible that I may pass away by the time I reach the river Tigris"

An Old Woman Attains Wilayat : Once Hazrat kept his Quran Shareef and some clothes alongside the River Tigris and was making ghusl. Just then, an old woman took his belongings and began to run away. He pursued her and managed to stop her. He then said, " There is nothing to worry about. I am your brother Ma'roof Karghi. Do you have a husband, brother or son that will recite the Quran?" She answered by saying no. He then said, " In that case, give me back the Quran Shareef and keep the clothes etc. I have forgiven you in this world and in the hereafter." When the old woman heard this, she was so ashamed, that she repented sincerely, and through the sadqa of Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi ﷺ she became a Waliyah (a true pious servant of Allah). [Tazkiratul Awliyah pg 222]

His Abstention From The World : Once one of Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi's ﷺ friends asked him the following, "What is it that has caused you to abstain from the world and from the creation of Allah, and remain in seclusion, remembering Almighty Allah? Is it the fear of Death and the grave, or the fear of Hell, or the enthusiasm of attaining Jannat?" Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi ﷺ said, "O My Friend! You discuss such minor things. What are all these worth in front of

the creator Almighty Allah? All these are but humble subjects of Almighty Allah. Once you taste the pleasure of his closeness, then you will not think of any of the other things (you have mentioned)."

Karaamats : Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ is also a Saahib-e-Karaamat Buzroog. He has performed any miracles, of which only a few are being discussed. Once there was a bandit who was captured by the Governor and sentenced to being hanged. As per the command of the governor, the bandit was hanged and died due to hanging. His body was still hanging from the noose, when Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ passed by. When he saw this scene, he was very troubled, and began to make dua for forgiveness of the deceased. He said, *"O Most Compassionate, Most Merciful! This person has attained his punishment for his actions in this world. O Allah! If you forgive him and bless him with respect in Deen, there it shall cause no shortage in Your Treasures of forgiveness."* Immediately an unseen voice was heard saying, *"Whomsoever prays the Janazah Salaah of the man on the noose, shall attain an exalted status in the hereafter."* This voice was heard by the people in the entire town. On hearing this voice, all the towns people gathered quickly. They removed him from the noose, and gave him proper ghusl and kaffan. Then with much respect, they prayed his Janazah Salaah and buried him. That night a man dreamt that it was the Day of Reckoning, and the man who was hanged, was dressed in the best of clothing and was present in the ranks of the Namaazis. He asked him, how he received such excellence and the man replied, *"Almighty Allah accepted the dua of Ma'roof Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ and pardoned me."* [Masaalik Saalikeen vol.1 pg 288]

Hazrat's uncle was the Governor of the city. Once he was passing through the jungle, when he saw Hazrat Maroog Karghi رحمۃ اللہ علیہ sitting on the ground eating bread and there was a dog sitting not far away from him also eating bread which he had thrown to it. His uncle saw this and said, *"Why are you having your bread so close to the dog?"* On hearing this, Hazrat

Ma'roof Karghi ﷺ looked up and saw a bird flying in the sky. He commanded it to come and sit on his hand. The bird perched itself on his hand but out of respect and modesty, it covered its face and eyes with its wings. Hazrat said, *“ See, Everything is modest before a man who is modest before Allah.”*

Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi ﷺ and some of his disciples were passing by the River Tigris, when they saw a group of youth who were engrossed in openly committing sin. On seeing this, some of Hazrat's disciples requested that he make dua for their destruction, so that their evil habits do not pass over to others. Hazrat asked them all to lift their hands and say Aameen to his duas. He then said, *“ O Allah! Like you have given them the luxuries and freedom of this world, bless them with freedom and luxury in the hereafter.”* Everyone was amazed at his dua. He then said, *“ Do not be hasty. Wait a while and observe.”* The disciples saw that after a while, the youth saw Hazrat Maroog Karghi ﷺ and immediately broke their musical instruments and and threw away their alcohol. They all began to weep and came to Hazrat and repented sincerely at his hands. Hazrat then looked at his disciples and said, *“ Did you see, that which I wished for was fulfilled.”*

His Khulafa : Some of the names of His famous Khulafa are being quoted below: Hazrat Shaykh Sirri Saqti, Hazrat Shah Muhammad, Hazrat Shah Qaasim Baghdadi, Hazrat Uthman Maghribi, Hazrat Hamza Khiraamani, Hazrat Abu Nasr Abraar, Hazrat Shah Musta'aani, Hazrat Shah Abu Saeed, Hazrat Abu Ibrahim Daloori, Hazrat Abul Hassan Harooni, Hazrat Shah Jaafar Khalidi, Hazrat Shah Muhammad Roomi, Hazrat Shah Mansoor Aarif Abu Kaatib, Hazrat Shah Abdul Haq Haqaaq Agah and Hazrat Shah Ali Roodibaar (ridwaanullahi ta aala alaihim ajmaeen).

Gems Of Wisdom :Some of the words of great wisdom that Hazrat mentioned are :

*There are three signs of a true man, To fulfill ones promise, To praise without a motive and to give without being asked to give.

* Protect the tongue from self praise, like you protect it from sinning.

* He who is not a faqeer, is not a man of tasawwuf.

* To desire Paradise without doing good deeds is a sin and to desire intercession without protecting the Sunnah, is a type of pride and to be hopeful of mercy whilst sinning is ignorance.

*Close your eyes from all angles even if there is something in front of you.

*Love is not attained through education and training, but is bestowed by Allah.

*The solution to hardships and difficulties, is to keep it hidden. *Even though an Aarif does not keep the bounties, but he is always engulfed by it.

Wisaal : He passed away on a Friday or Saturday, on the 2nd of Muharram, 200 Hijri. After his demise, Hazrat Muhammad bin Abul Hussain رحمته الله says, that he saw Hazrat Ma'roof Karghi رحمته الله in his dream and he asked him how Almighty Allah had treated him. He said, AAlmighty Allah pardoned me, not because of my piety but because of what I heard from Hazrat Samaak رحمته الله in Kufa, when he said, 'He who leaves all ties and turns towards Allah, then Allah Almighty Allah sends his Mercy towards him and he turns all his servants in his direction.' I followed this advice of his and turned

completely towards Allah, and with the exception of the khidmat of Hazrat Ali (Raza) ؑ I left everything else.

Hazrat Sirri Saqti ؑ says, “I dreamt that Hazrat Ma’roof Karghi ؑ was seated totally absorbed in the love of Allah, under the Arsh and Almighty Allah said, 'O Angels! Who is this?' the Angels said, 'O Allah You are All Knowing. There is nothing hidden from You.' Almighty Allah said, 'This is Ma’roof Karghi ؑ who is drowned in My love and closeness and until he does not make my Deedar he will not regain his consciousness and neither will he gain contentment without my Deedar.’”

Mazaar Shareef : His Mazaar Shareef is in Baghdad-e-Muqaddas. Hazrat Sirri Saqti ؑ says, “ When you are faced with any difficulty, then say, “ O Allah! Assist me through the sadqa of Ma’roof Karghi ؑ.” All your problems shall be solved.